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SUBJECT: ISRAELI POSITION IN AFRICA

1. DEPT IS AWARE OF REPORT THAT MOBUTU WILL NOT RPT NOT RENEW ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACCORD WITH ISRAEL WHEN IT EXPIRES IN SEPTEMBER 1973. (FYI: ISRAELI MIL MISSION IN ZAIRE HAS FULFILLED ITS PRIMARY MISSION AND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN REDUCED IN ANY CASE. END FYI)

2. IN EYES OF MOST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY OAU' S ARAB MEMBERS, MOBUTU' S SPECIAL TIES TO ISRAEL HAVE MADE HIM VULNERABLE IN HIS ASPIRATIONS FOR AFRICAN LEADERSHIP. IN TERMINATING THOSE TIES, WE BELIEVE MOBUTU' S HAND WILL BE STRENGTHENED IN OAU COUNCILS. WE WOULD EXPECT HIM TO PLAY MODERATING ROLE WHICH WOULD BE TO ADVANTAGE OF THOSE OAU STATES WHO ARE OPPOSED TO TOUGH ANTI- ISRAEL INITIATIVES. WE RECOGNIZE, OF COURSE, THAT
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THIS SITUATION COULD CREATE ADDITIONAL PRESSURES ON
ETHIOPIA.

3. WITH REGARD TO MOBUTU' S VIEWS ON RELATION WITH ISRAEL,
WE ARE REPEATING KINSHASA' S 0857 OF FEBRUARY 73.

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